

103RD CONGRESS
2ND SESSION

H. R. 3313

AMENDMENTS

In the Senate of the United States,

June 8 (legislative day, June 7), 1994.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3313) entitled “An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care services of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to women veterans, to extend and expand authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide priority health care to veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation or to Agent Orange, to expand the scope of services that may be provided to veterans through Vet Centers, and for other purposes” do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Benefits and*
3 *Services Amendments of 1994”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. REVISION IN COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE GUAR-***
5 ***ANTY FOR HOME LOANS.***

6 *Section 3702(b) of title 38, United States Code, is*
7 *amended—*

8 *(1) by striking out paragraph (1) and inserting*
9 *in lieu thereof the following new paragraph (1):*

10 *“(1) the loan has been repaid in full, or the Sec-*
11 *retary has been released from liability as to the loan,*

1 *or if the Secretary has suffered a loss on the loan, the*
 2 *loss has been paid in full; or”;*

3 *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking out “; or” and*
 4 *inserting in lieu thereof a period; and*

5 *(3) by striking out paragraph (3).*

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO GUARANTEE HOME REFINANCE**
 7 **LOANS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVE-**
 8 **MENTS.**

9 *(a) LOANS.—Section 3710(a) of title 38, United States*
 10 *Code, is amended by adding after paragraph (10) the fol-*
 11 *lowing:*

12 *“(11) To refinance in accordance with subsection*
 13 *(e) of this section an existing loan guaranteed, in-*
 14 *sured, or made under this chapter, and to improve the*
 15 *dwelling securing such loan through energy efficiency*
 16 *improvements, as provided in subsection (d) of this*
 17 *section.”.*

18 *(b) AMOUNT OF GUARANTY.—Section 3710(e)(1) of*
 19 *such title is amended—*

20 *(1) in the matter above subparagraph (A), by in-*
 21 *serting “or subsection (a)(11)” after “subsection*
 22 *(a)(8)”;* and

23 *(2) by amending subparagraph (C) to read as*
 24 *follows:*

25 *“(C) the amount of the loan may not exceed—*

“(i) an amount equal to the sum of the balance of the loan being refinanced and such closing costs (including any discount permitted pursuant to section 3703(c)(3)(A) of this title) as may be authorized by the Secretary, under regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe, to be included in such loan; or

“(ii) in the case of a loan for a purpose specified in such subsection (a)(11), an amount equal to the sum of the amount referred to with respect to the loan under clause (i) of this subparagraph and the amount specified under subsection (d)(2) of this section;”.

(c) FEE.—Section 3729(a)(2)(E) of such title is amended by inserting “3710(a)(11),” after “3710(a)(9)(B)(i),”.

SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF PERIOD OF VIETNAM ERA FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

(a) EXPANSION OF ERA.—Section 101(29) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(29) The term ‘Vietnam era’ means—

“(A) the period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during such period; and

1 “(B) the period beginning August 5, 1964, and
2 ending on May 7, 1975, in all other cases.”.

3 (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendment made by sub-
4 section (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1994. No person
5 shall be entitled to receive by reason of the amendment made
6 by subsection (a) any benefits for any period before such
7 date.

8 **SEC. 5. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO ALASKA NA-**
9 **TIVES FROM DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL IN-**
10 **COME FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR**
11 **PENSION.**

12 Section 1503(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking out “and” at the end of para-
15 graph (9);

16 (2) by striking out the period at the end of para-
17 graph (10)(B) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”;
18 and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following new para-
20 graph:

21 “(11) cash, stock, land, or other interest referred
22 to in subparagraphs (A) through (E) below para-
23 graph (3) of section 29(c) of the Alaska Native Claims
24 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1626(c)), whether attrib-
25 utable to the disposition of real property, profits from

1 *the operation of real property, or otherwise, that is re-*
 2 *ceived from a Native Corporation under such Act (43*
 3 *U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).”.*

4 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR USE**
 5 **OF PROPERTY AT EDWARD HINES, JR., DE-**
 6 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL**
 7 **CENTER.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
 9 *may enter into a long-term lease or similar agreement with*
 10 *the organization known as the The Caring Place at Loyola,*
 11 *Inc., a not-for-profit organization operating under the laws*
 12 *of the State of Illinois, to permit that organization to estab-*
 13 *lish on the grounds of the Edward Hines, Jr., Department*
 14 *of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Hines, Illinois, a facil-*
 15 *ity to provide temporary accommodations for family mem-*
 16 *bers of severely ill children who are being treated at the*
 17 *Loyola University of Chicago Medical Center.*

18 (b) *TERMS OF AGREEMENT.*—*An agreement under*
 19 *subsection (a)—*

20 (1) *shall ensure that there shall be no cost to the*
 21 *Federal Government as a result of the property use*
 22 *authorized under that subsection;*

23 (2) *may permit the use of the property without*
 24 *rent; and*

1 (3) shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that
2 one room of the facility is available for the use of a
3 veteran (at no cost to the veteran) as temporary ac-
4 commodations for the veteran while the veteran's se-
5 verely ill child is treated at the Loyola University of
6 Chicago Medical Center.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit home loan guaranties for energy efficiency improvements, to extend the period of the Vietnam era, to exclude certain payments to Alaska natives from annual income determinations for pension purposes, and for other purposes."

Attest:

Secretary.